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**Summary:** After speaking with his father, Bakha just wanted to escape from home for a few hours and not do any of his chores. Bakha wasn’t very fond of his home life because he didn’t like his father, mother, or sister. Bakha’s father was very strict and he did not allow Bakha to waste his time having fun, rather than cleaning. Therefore, Bakha snuck out of his home and met up with two of his friends. All three of them decided on playing hockey later that day against the 38th Dogras. Bakha’s team was named the 31st Punjabis and they always played in the barracks of the 38th Dogras. However, Bakha’s friends wanted to visit their families before the game, so they went home while Bakha stayed in the barracks because of his hatred for his father. While in the barracks Bakha met a man named Havildar Charat Singh. Havildar promised Bakha a new hockey stick to play with, but Bakha did not believe him because he didn’t understand why such a wealthy man would help a sweeper. Havildar also asked Bakha to fetch him coal and tobacco which was quite an odd request due to the fact that Bakha was untouchable. Bakha couldn’t believe that Havildar was speaking to him as if he was just a normal person. He found it odd that Havildar did not care that Bakha was a sweeper and thought that he would never actually deliver his hockey stick. After Bakha returned with Havildar’s coal and tobacco, he gave Bakha a brand new hockey stick, so Bakha could now play in the game against the 38th Dogras. Bakha was very pleased and did not tell anyone where he received his brand new stick from. Now, all he had to do was wait for his teammates to arrive.

**Analysis:** I liked how Havildar treated Bakha, even though he was a sweeper. Havildar was an excellent friend to Bakha and I think he actually felt important and loved for once in his life. No one has ever given him a gift like he received from Havildar and he didn’t even know how to respond to such a surprise! This section of the book was a nice change in attitude towards the lower class, and I wonder why Havildar’s behaviors are so rare in the community. If Havildar can over look the social caste system, why can’t anyone else. It seems as though the children do not care about the social system, because Bakha’s two friends were also not sweepers. They were higher in the caste system, however they still played and got along really well with each other. It would be awesome if the whole society could forget about the social levels, and just enjoy life like the children.

**Application:** The aspect of human nature is this section of the novel is just to appreciate life and accept who you are. I am sure the children would like to live in better homes, however they accept each other and have fun with what they have. Instead of being mean and cruel to each other for being in different social classes, they all come together and play games in order to have fun as kids. The human roles and behavior in this section are pushed to the wayside. The children are not worried about the social aspect of their lives, but about living their lives to the fullest and having fun while they are still young. Although there may be work for each of them to complete, they procrastinate each day, just so they can be happy with their friends. The ideals of children change drastically as they mature into adults because the children know that no one is perfect. They just have fun the way they are and they do not try to be anything they are not. Their goal in life is to go on adventures and make each day more exciting than the last!